



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
April 2014

AAUW Pendleton Branch
April Membership Meeting

Program: “Life as an ‘Indie’ Writer”

Speaker: Sarah Woodbury



April 3 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.

Vert Clubroom, Dessert

Hostesses: *Gail Plute and Kate Mace*

May Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 8, Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Clark, “Human Trafficking in India”

Hostesses: Marlene Krout and Beth Read

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2013–2014 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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Co-Presidents	
Karen King	278-2151
Marty King	276-8210
Communications Vice President	
Mary Davis	983-2481
Membership Vice President	
Susan Doyle	966-8854
Finance Vice-President	
Dianne Barnes	276-5547
Co-Program Vice-Presidents	
Jill Heffner	278-4791
Renée Struthers	377-0504
Recording Secretary	
Melissa Woodbury	276-0268

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison TBD	
EF/LAF	
Kathleen Mace	276-1006
Newsletter & Directory Editor	
Susan Doyle	966-8854
Bylaws	
Kathy Ward	276-0308

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April Membership Meeting: The April 3 membership meeting will have a vote to modify the bylaws in preparation for the vote on the proposed slate of officers at the May meeting

As mentioned in other places in the newsletter, there will be a drawing for three free national memberships, worth \$49 each. You must be present to win.

EO Forum: The last EO Forum of 2014 will feature Craig Lesley on Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC, Science & Technology Building. The program is part of BMCC Arts & Culture Festival Week and admission is free.

Craig Lesley is the author of four novels and a memoir, along with numerous other works. He has received many book awards and has been the recipient of several national fellowships. Currently the Senior Writer-in-Residence at PSU, his *Storm Riders* and *The Sky Fisherman* were nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

April Lunch Bunch: The March Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, April 17, at Crabby's, at 11:45 a.m.

April Board Meeting: The April board meeting will be Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's home, 815 N Main.



IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, and collection of membership dues drive begins in April each year. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter, and forms will be available at the next three meetings.

Please renew as soon as possible or mail your check, along with the filled-out membership form, by June 30. We need the form to fulfill national requirements, and it also provides the information needed for the membership directory that is printed in the fall.

Note: Life members (Kate Mace, Julianne Sawyer, and Sue Waldman) pay only state and branch dues, or \$25.00.

Honorary Life members (Alerita Burns, Hope Fischer, and Andrea Timmermann) pay no dues at all.

President's Corner for April, 2014

by Marty King & Karen King



Spring! Spring! Spring! No more snow to shovel from the driveway and snow tires are off. Now it's time to sit back and enjoy all the flowers popping out and trees starting to bud, hinting at what's coming up. That also means that we have just three more general meetings left in this season.

Our meetings return to The Vert Clubroom on the first Thursday of the month for our April and May meetings. This month we'll hear about *"Life as an 'Indie' Author"* from one of our own, Sarah (Woodbury) Haug; this should be really interesting. In May we'll host another local contributor, Barbara Clark. She'll talk about *"Human Trafficking in India,"* a serious topic but important to hear about. Our final meeting will be on **Saturday June 21** (this is a date change). We'll be meeting up at Emigrant Springs State Park (bring a sack lunch) and hear about *"Life on the Trail."* We'll also install new officers for next year with guest Susan Gilstrap, state Finance VP and Wallow Branch member.

We're pleased to announce that 13 members of the Pendleton Branch met our challenge "to meet or beat" the Branch \$1,000 donation to OES for our final year of support. But don't let that stop you from donating to this great local treasure if you were thinking of donating. OES (c/o Exec. Director Michelle Sitz) is always ready to accept your generous contributions. Thanks to everyone who supported this program. Now we just need to see more members at the next season's concerts!

All members are encouraged to make plans for attending the joint Oregon-Washington State Convention being held in Portland on April 25–27, 2014. Lilly Ledbetter will be a featured speaker. It should be a great weekend. Please contact Jill Heffner if you are interested in attending.

Anyone interested in being an officer next year should contact our nominating committee: Marlene Krout, Roberta Jones, Jan Bruning, or Kathy Ward. They are wrapping up the officer nominations to be presented at the April meeting; voting will occur at the May meeting.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 3rd MEETING!! Because of a special AAUW National program called "Shape the Future," Pendleton Branch has 3 free national memberships to give away for the 2014/2015 year. These free national memberships (worth \$49 each) will be drawn at the April 3rd meeting, but you **must be present to win**. See you there!!

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 1, 2014

We gathered at the Prodigal Son with 20 members, 2 guests and our speakers who brought 18 family and friends with them. We were hosted by Barbara Lund-Jones.

Co-Program Chair, Jill Heffner, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. and introduced our speakers, Anna Goodwin who showed her documentary on “The Whitman Tragedy,” and Willie Wood and Jared Cope whose film was titled “The Doolittle Raid.” All are students at Griswold High School in Helix and both documentaries won first place in the Oregon competition for National History Day and went on to the nationals in Washington, DC. Both films were beautifully done and very interesting. The theme for the year was “Turning Points.”

At 12:05 p.m., Co-President Karen King called the business meeting to order and asked that all the members and guests introduce themselves.

1. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter
2. Finance report presented by Dianne Barnes, Finance VP . The balances as of 3/1/14 were: checking, \$750 and savings, \$5,534. A question about our tax status prompted Karen to say that we still don’t know, as the Federal Tax people are still backed up. We hope to hear soon that we are back in 401C4 status.
Jill also suggested that we send an honorarium to the National History Day project at Griswold High School. Roberta Jones so moved and Jill seconded that we send a check for \$100 to the school c/o Cindy Woods, the school secretary. Motion was approved.
Karen announced that she had bought Governor Barbara Robert’s new book, *Up the Capitol Steps* as a donation to the Pendleton Public Library.
3. Bylaws Change – Since we are going to elect co-Presidents, we need to amend the Bylaws to eliminate the position of President-elect and add that the co-presidents will be elected in alternating years. The amendment will be voted on at the April membership meeting.
4. Delegates to the State Convention, April 25–27, in Portland were elected by the membership: Karen King, Marlene Krout, and Renee Struthers, with Kate Mace as the alternate.
5. OES – Marty spoke about the Youth Strings program and how this is our third and final year of donating \$1,000 per year as an organization. The past two years, we have also been pleased that our members have matched that \$1,000 and more. We have not done as well this year, but a number of checks were written today at the meeting.
6. Equal Pay Day, April 8 – Renee will work with Kathy Aney on an article and some businesses in town are willing to participate in order to bring attention to this cause.
7. The Nominating Committee reported the following **slate of officers to be voted on at the May membership meeting:**

Co-Presidents, Karen King, one year term, and Melissa Woodbury, two year term
Membership VP – Jan Bruning
Communications – Gwen Fjeld
Program Co-VP (with Renee) - Sharon Vincent

8. State Convention in April will be a joint meeting with Washington AAUW. The title is “AAUW Bridging the Columbia: Connect, Collaborate, Lead.” Lilly Ledbetter, who took the fight for equal pay all the way to the Supreme Court, will speak at the convention and also at Portland State U. on Thursday, April 24.

9. Because we have gotten six new members, we as a Branch, are eligible for three free National dues for next year. There will be a drawing at the April meeting, April 3, at the Vert. You must be present to win!

Announcements:

- Heritage Station has a new exhibit on the contemporary issue of water, specifically the Umatilla River. This exhibit is a joint effort between many entities and is a must see for everyone who cares about maintaining this vital resource.
- The Annual Soup Bowl Supper to benefit Domestic Violence Services will be on March 15 at the Slick Fork Saloon. It will be from 6–8 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person – but you get to keep the pottery bowl!
- The next Lunch Bunch will be on March 20 – 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street Diner
- The next Board Meeting is on the 20th as well, at the home of Melissa Woodbury.
- The Dinner Divas will meet at Joe’s Fiesta at 5:30 p.m. before the next General Meeting on April 3. Sarah Woodbury will talk on the life of a successful “Indie” author.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

*A Letter from AAUW to all Members for
AAUW Member and Volunteer Appreciation Week, March 24-28*

AAUW Members and Volunteers, We Salute You!

Every day, we ask you — our members and volunteers — to make an effort to empower women and girls. Not only do you do this, but you do it well. From leading our national board, to planning state and national conventions, holding fundraisers, and pulling off powerful local programming, you do so much to help realize AAUW’s mission, and we cannot thank you enough.

With that in mind, AAUW’s national staff have designated the last week of March as Member and Volunteer Appreciation Week. While we couldn’t possibly cram all our thanks into one week, we want to make sure you know how much we appreciate all you do to empower women and to make AAUW the powerful community it is.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
— AAUW national staff

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Board suggests that we allow co-presidents to be elected on alternate years. This will mean that there is always ONE president who has had some experience in the position. In order to make this change, we need to make a change in the Bylaws. We will vote on this proposed change at the April 3 meeting, so please review the proposed change prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

- a. The elected officers for the branch shall be president, ~~president-elect~~, finance vice president, membership vice president, program vice president, communications vice president, and secretary.
- b. The appointed officers shall be AAUW funds, public policy, and such other officers as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the branch. They shall be appointed by the president with the consent of the board.
- c. Officers shall serve for a term of 2 year(s) or until their successors have been elected or appointed and assume office. ~~The exception is the office of president-elect, which shall serve for a term of 1 year.~~ Term of office shall begin on July 1.
- d. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.
- e. All vacancies in office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board. Each office may be filled by an officer or co-officers.
- g. The following officers shall be elected in even years: ~~president~~, communications vice president, and membership vice president. The following officers shall be elected in odd years: ~~secretary, and finance vice president, and president-elect.~~ Co-presidents and Pp program co-vice presidents will be elected as follows: one will be elected in even years, and one will be elected in odd years. In the event there is only one person serving as president, the officer will be elected in even years. In the event there is only one person serving as program vice president, the officer will be elected in odd years.

Section 2. Duties

- a. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, by the rules of policies and procedures adopted by the board of directors, and by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- b. The president shall be the official spokesperson and representative for the branch and shall be responsible for submitting such reports and forms as required by AAUW.
- c. The vice president(s) shall perform such duties as the president and the board shall direct and as specified in branch policies and job descriptions.
- d. The finance officer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the branch and for meeting specific deadlines.
- e. The secretary shall record and keep minutes of all board, membership, and special meetings.
- f. All officers and chairs shall submit annual reports to the president.

Section 3. Organization

- a. The branch will provide AAUW annually with designated contacts for president (or administrative officer) and finance officer.
- b. The branch will designate a member other than the contacts for president and finance to record the minutes of each branch meeting and branch board meeting.



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON BRANCH**

Membership Form — July 2014–June 2015

Please check category below:

Renewing Members

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$74 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

New Members

Shape the Future

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$49.50 _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New Members only

need to fill this in:

(Add additional degrees below) Degree & Date earned _____

Major _____

Mail form and check made to AAUW to:

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